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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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1. claims: 1-11

Apparatus, arrangement and method for detecting handling and removing of electrodes from their package, the electrodes being mutually releasably connected by an electrically conductive medium and contained within a package.

2. claims: 12-13

Apparatus comprising a flexible flat electrode with an electrically-conductive skin adhesive layer on one side of the electrode, an electrically non-conductive layer on the other side of the electrode and a package having an inside surface with a portion making adhesive contact with the outer surface of the electrically non-conductive layer.

3. claims: 14-15

Apparatus comprising a defibrillator electrode pad, an integral belt or two belts mutually and adhesively attached end-to-end to surround the pad and a package surrounding the belt (or belts) and the pad

4. claims: 16-17

Apparatus comprising a pair of electrodes with a piezoelectric substance disposed between the electrodes.

5. claim: 18

Apparatus comprising an electrode pad, a rigid cartridge for receiving the electrode pad and an elastically compressible material sized to fit after compression in the interior of said cartridge along with the electrode pad, said material being configured and disposed to expand upon opening of the cartridge so as to press against a central portion of the electrode pad to flex it.

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